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December 12, 2006 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee and Legislative Service Agency

The Public Policy sub-committee of the Indiana Disproportionality Committee met with representatives of the Legislative Service Agency to draft a bill to establish a Disproportionality Commission. The purpose of the Commission is to establish a sound body that will further the direction of the Committee's goals and objectives that are reflective of Recommendation Seven of the 2004 Putting Kids First Publication. The bill will be authored by Representative Bill Crawford of Ways and Means.

December 13, 2006 — State of Our Black Youth (SOBY) - Indianapolis Committee

Asante Children's Theatre anticipates the skit addressing Child Abuse and Neglect to be completed by late January 2007. Pamphlets and resource sheets recommended by committee members which need to be included in the toolkit are requested to be brought to the next meeting held in January. A pilot presentation of the skit will be completed prior to recording. The entire project should finish by Spring 2007.

December 13, 2006 — Indiana Disproportionality Committee (Large Meeting)

The focus of the meeting was centered on completing unfinished components of the draft bill to establish a Disproportionality Commission. The deadline for all information to be submitted to the Legislative Service Agency was December 20th. Other business which took place during the meeting were in regards to the End of the Year Annual Report (scheduled to be completed by late January 2007), updated scope of committee, future direction and report of progress from sub-committee chairs. *Important reminder to all Committee members: Submit logos and check documents to make certain your agency/organization is listed.*

December 15, 2006 — Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males — Empowerment Symposium

Part II "Investing in the Black Male" was held in the Indiana Government South Auditorium. The agenda and presenters stemmed from community-based perceptions from the State-wide Community Crisis forum held on September 28, 2006 (Part I). Topics included: Education, social factors, and employment. Guest speakers at the symposium hosting approximately 80 participants were: Dr. Benjamin (Ben) Chavis, CEO of Hip Hop Summit Action Network; Dr. Mark S. Giles, Assistant Professor of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio; Dr. Robin L. Hughes, Assistant Professor Indiana University; and Phillip Jackson, Executive Director, Black Star Project. The Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Coordinator shared agency contact information with various attendees of the symposium so additional information from research collected can also be utilized at events such as this one. Much of the work the DMC Coordinator completes supplements beginning stages of community findings and recommendations listed within the "Observations" portion of the symposium booklet. Further contact will be made with the Commission to brainstorm how DMC Coordinator can be more of a resource to the Commission and its future symposium, forums, and/or conferences.

December 19, 2006 — ICJI and Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males Representative

The informal meeting by both parties provided an opportunity for each party to learn more about the others role. The Indiana Commission focuses on five purpose areas: Education, Health, Criminal Justice, Employment and Social Factors. The Disproportionality Committee focuses on similar areas, however, does not limit findings to males or blacks but includes females and all ethnicities and races that are considered "minority." The two representatives from each entity will strategize how to work together effectively in order to produce more comprehensive findings to the citizens of Indiana.

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